

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	John Riley Hawkins, et al.	
Application No.:	10/813,899	Conf. No.: 1803
Filed:	March 31, 2004	Group Art Unit: 3738
Entitled:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ARTIFICIAL DISC INSERTION	Examiner: David A. Izquierdo
Docket No.:	101896-662 (DEP5055)	

Certificate of Mailing (37 C.F.R. 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically filed via EFS web with the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date set forth below.

March 2, 2007

By: 

Date of Signature and Mail Deposit

William C. Geary III, Reg. No: 31,359  
Attorney for Applicants

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 2, 2006.

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 5 of this paper.